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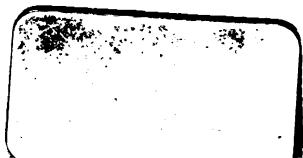
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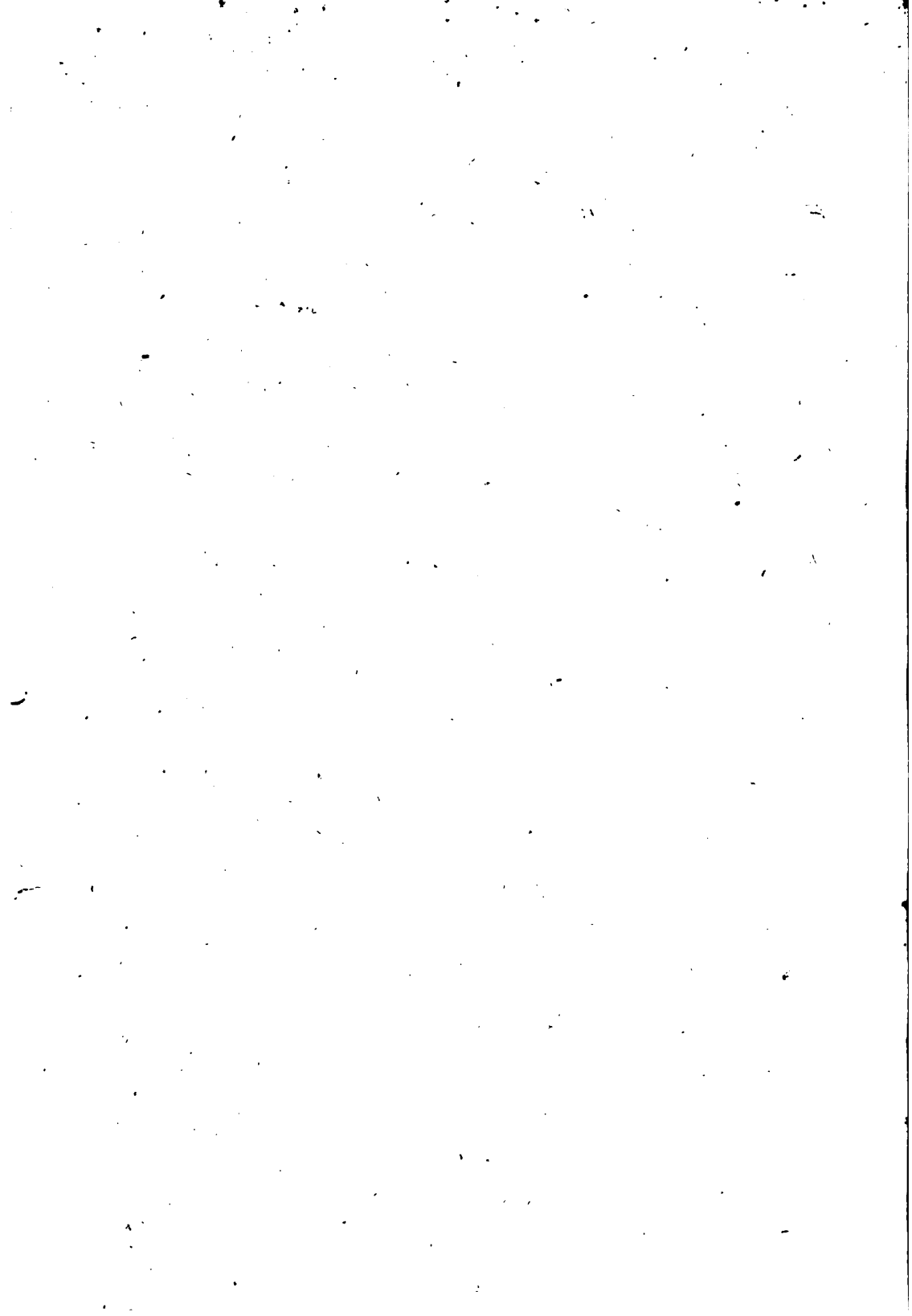
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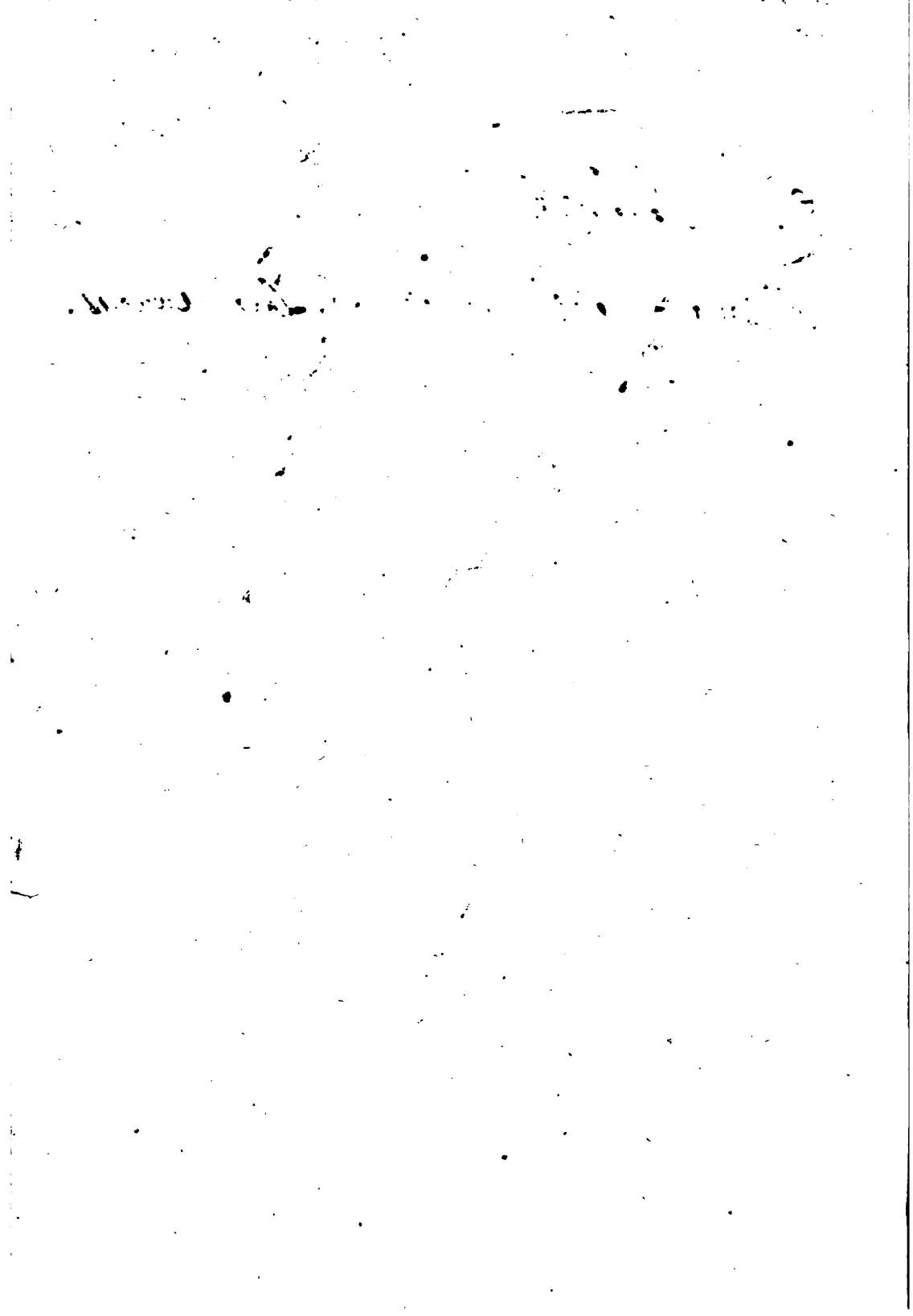
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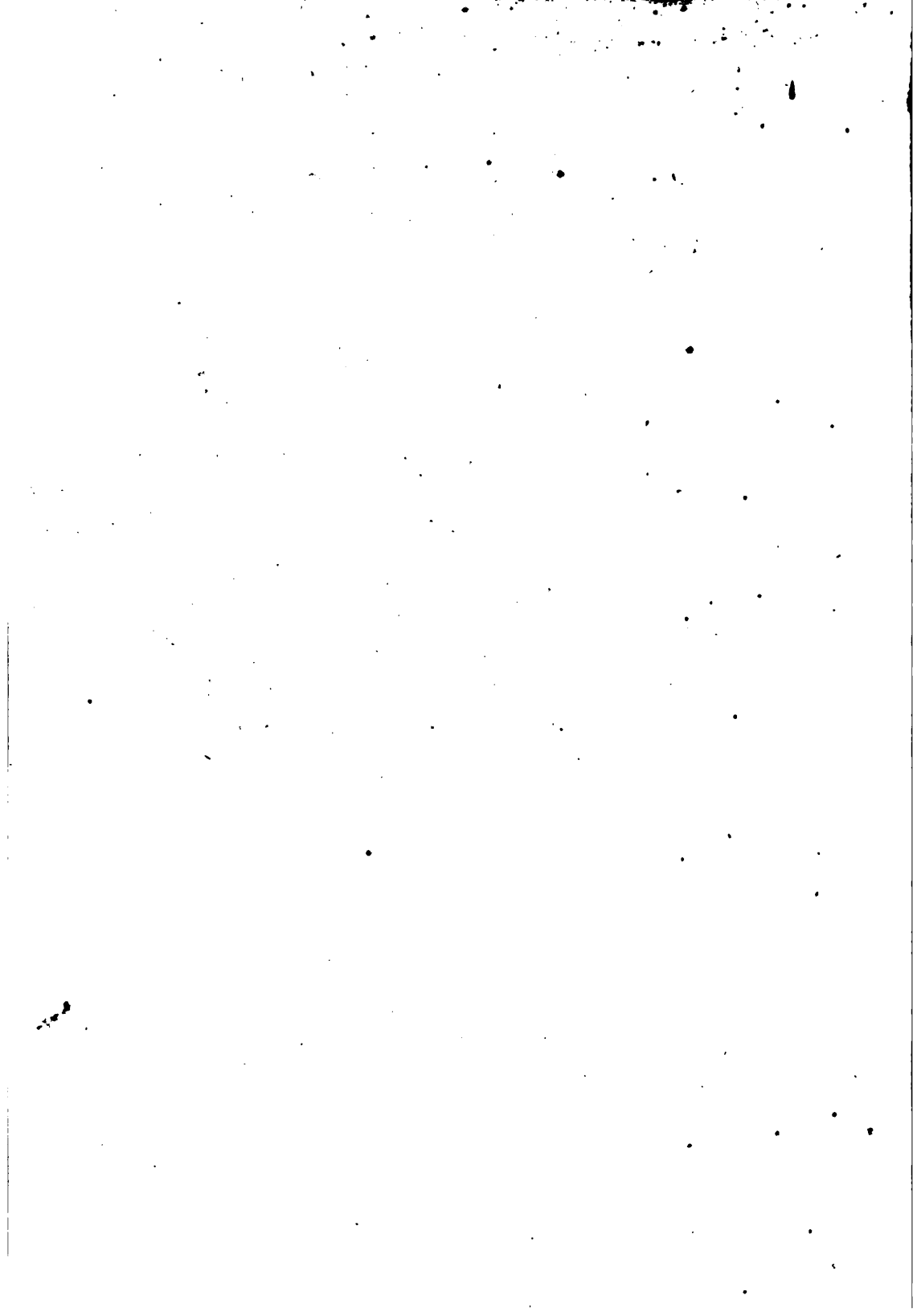


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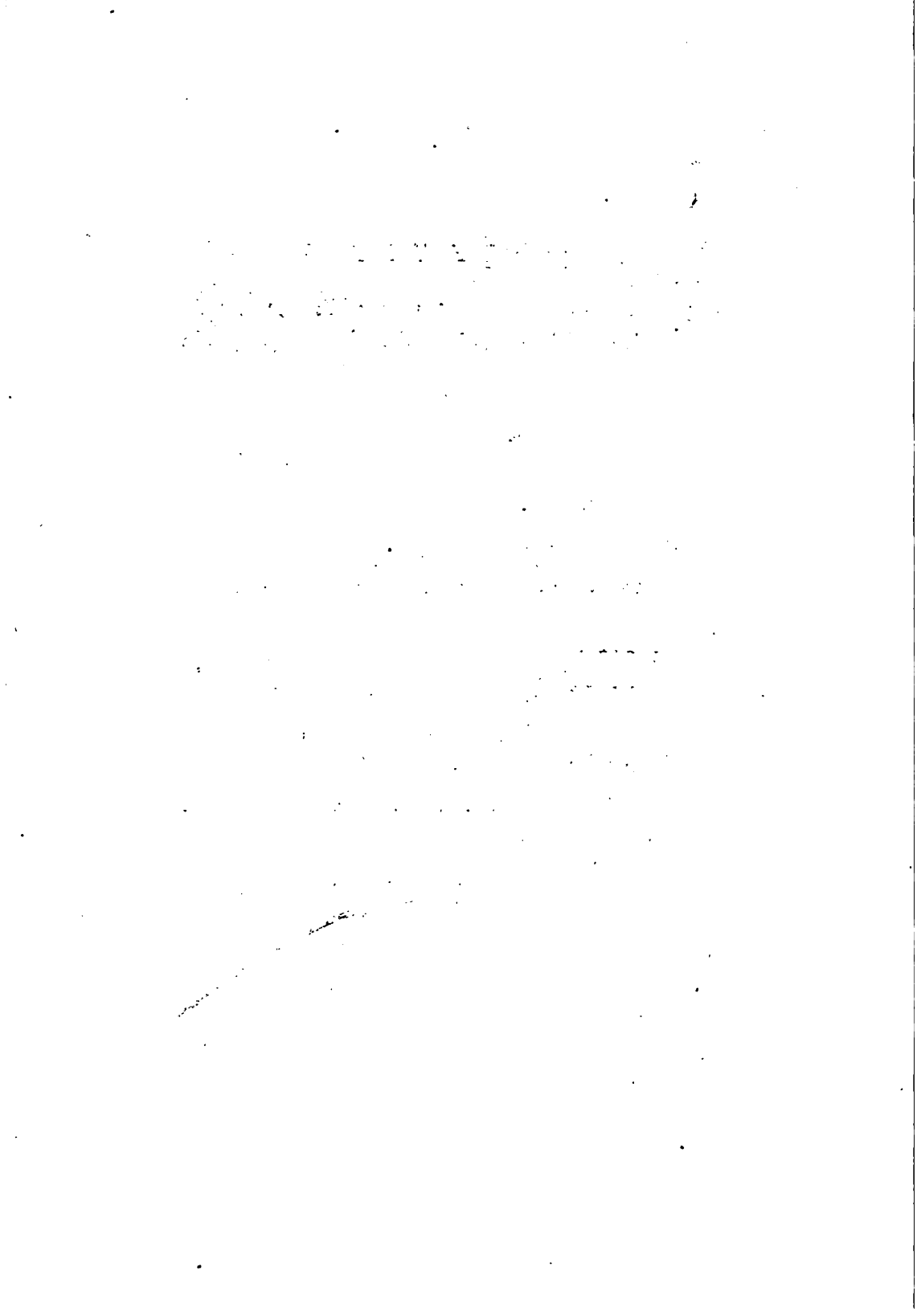


The one founded in the Year 1745, by Mrs.
ELIZABETH HUTCHESON of *King's-Cliffe*,
Relict of the late ARCHIBALD HUTCHESON,
Esq; of *Westminster*.

The other founded in the Year 1727, by
WILLIAM LAW of *King's-Cliffe*, Presbyter
of the Church of ENGLAND.

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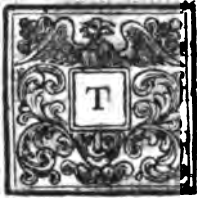




C H A P. I.

It is thought proper to set forth this short Account of these charitable Foundations, for several Reasons:

(1)



H A T our present, worthy, and much esteemed Trustees, who have had the goodness to accept of the care and protection of them, may, by this little abstract of the state, nature, and appointment of these Charities, have as little trouble as possible in acquainting themselves, with all that is required of them, for their protecting and preserving these Charities according to their true destination.

(2.) That

(2.) That succeeding Trustees, as vacancies shall happen, may at their first entrance upon the trust, without the trouble of reading and searching into the long deeds of settlement, know all that is material in them ; and have a full and certain insight into all the particularities of the nature and constitution of the several Charities, which by their election, they take upon them, to keep up in their true uses and operation.

(3.) That hereby, as much as is possible, all deviation from the first, true, and legally established order of these Foundations, which length of time is apt to produce in most things, may be prevented. There being a considerable number of these little printed Books, to be carefully preserv'd for futurity, one of which is constantly to be given to every new Trustee, at the time of his election.

(4.) That the Town of *King's-Cliffe*, for whose sole benefit, these several Charities are established, may be fully acquainted with all that is granted and given to them in the original Deeds of these Foundations ; both as to the nature, place and value of the Estates, and the

the several uses to which they are appointed.

That by this means they may become true and proper witnesses of the right use, and application of these Charities; and also be enabled how to complain, and where to seek for redress, if in after times any misapplication of them should happen.

For as these Foundations have their full, legal authority, and unchangeable nature from their being settl'd strictly according to the last *Statute* of *Mortmain*, and enroll'd in his Majesty's high Court of Chancery in the time and manner, as that *Statute* directs; so if in any future Age, they should be either in part sunk, or misapply'd, a speedy and certain relief may be always had by an appeal to that Court.

C H A P. II:

Of the nature of these Foundations, and the Places, Quality, and Value of the Estates given for the perpetual support of them.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty five, Mrs. *Hutchefon* set up a school in the town of *King's-Cliffe* for the education and full cloathing of eighteen poor boys of the town of *King's-Cliffe*, with a salary for a master well qualified to teach them reading and writing, and all the useful parts of arithmetick.

Mrs. *Hutchefon* afterwards bought a school-house for the master, built a school, and four little tenements adjoining to it, for the separate habitation of four ancient and poor widows chosen out of the town of *King's-Cliffe*, with a weekly allowance.

For the perpetual maintenance of these charities, the following estates have by Mrs. *Hutchefon's* order and appointment been convey'd, surrender'd and sold for ever in trust,
to

to *George Lynn of Southwick, William Pain King of Fineshade, Esqrs.* to the Reverend *Chambers Bates, Rector of Easton*, to the Reverend *Wilfrid Piemont, Rector of King's-Cliffe*, to *Thomas Jackson of Duddington, Gent.* to *George Law of Morehay, Gent.* the following estates.

Viz. At *Northorpe* in the county of *Lincoln* a freehold inclosed estate, being one moiety of a certain number of closes, all particularly specified in the deeds of conveyance, leased now to *William Watson of Northorpe* for seven years,

L. S. D.

The Rent 54 00 00 per ann.

Another freehold estate at *Affackton* in the county of *Nottingham*, leased now for 21 years to *Henry Hall of Affackton*.

The Rent 53 00 00

In *King's-Cliffe, Heartake and Hallbill* closes, leased to *Mr. Buckby* for 13 years,

The Rent 18 10 00

Dealy's closes by the *Spaw-Lodge*, leased to *John Billage* for 13 years.

The Rent 07 10 00

B

Buxton

Buxton close, let to Mr. *Whitehead* for three years.

L. S. D.

The Rent 07 00 00

The *School* close adjoining to the school house, rented by Mrs. *Hutchefon*.

The Rent 08 00 00

The whole Rent—L. 148 00 00 per ann.

N. B. Donatus Obrien of *Blatberwick*, Esq; was, at the desire of Mrs. *Hutchefon*, and by a deed pole bearing date the nine and twentieth of october in the year of our Lord 1753, added to the ^{ix}~~ix~~ above-mentioned trustees, that the number of trustees, in this, as in Mr. *Law's* foundation might be always the same ^{seven}~~seven~~. And to shew as by a binding president, that at the death of any trustee another should be immediately chosen, and invested with all the rights of the trust, in the manner the said *Donatus Obrien*, Esq; hath been, that the number ^{seven}~~seven~~ may be always compleat.

The

The school founded for the education and full cloathing of fourteen poor girls of the town of *King's-Cliffe*, was set up by Mr. *William Law* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty seven, with a salary for a mistress well qualified to instruct them in reading, knitting, and every useful kind of needlework.

He hath since built a school house and school, and also two little tenements adjoining to the school, to be inhabited separately by two poor antient unmarried women, or widows of the town of *King's-Cliffe*, with a weekly allowance hereafter mentioned.

For the perpetual support of these charities, He, the said *William Law*, hath convey'd for ever in trust, to *George Lynn* of *Southwick*, to *Donatus Obrien* of *Blatberwick*, to *William Pain* King of *Fineshade*, Esqrs. and to the Reverend *Chambers Bates* of *Easton*, to the Reverend *Wilfrid Piemont* Rector of *King's-Cliffe*, to *Thomas Jackson* of *Duddington*, Gent. and to *George Law* of *Morebay*, Gent.

(1.) The aforesaid school and school house, and the two little adjoining tenements.

(2.) A freehold estate at *Northorpe* in the county of *Lincoln*, being one moiety of a number of closes, all particularly specify'd in the deeds of conveyance, leased in the year 1753 to *William Watson* of *Northorpe*, for seven years.

The Rent L. 54 00 00 per annum.



C H A P. III

*Of the Election of a Master or a Mistress
for the Schools, and their respective
Qualifications, Duties and Salaries, &c.*

(1.) **U**PON the death of a master or mistress of the schools, the agent for the trustees, is immediately to give notice of it to all the trustees. He is also immediately to fix a written paper upon the church door at *King's-Chiffe*, with these words written in it, viz. *Wanted a master or mistress for such a school, any person properly qualify'd may apply to the Trustees, George Lynn, Esq; &c.* all whose names and places of abode must be mention'd in the paper that is fix'd upon the door.

(2.) No man under twenty, or above forty years of age, is capable of being received as a candidate for the mastership, this is an indispensable incapacity.

(3.) No one but a single woman, either a maiden, or a widow, between twenty and forty years of age, is capable of being elected to be a mistress of the school. And if she marries
after

after her election, she is to be immediately discharg'd, and a new one chosen in her stead.

(4.) In a vacancy of a master or mistress every trustee has an equal and absolute right of offering a candidate at the time of the election.

(5.) The election of a master or mistress is to be as speedy as is found to be convenient, not exceeding, if possible, three weeks from the time of the vacancy.

(6.) When two or three, or any number of persons properly qualify'd, are proposed by the trustees, the election is always to be made by ballot.

(7.) No election of a master or mistress to be ballotted for, is to be made unless four, or three at the least of the trustees be present at the ballot, and unless the rest of the trustees have had sufficient notice of the day appointed for the election.

(8.) The agent for the trustees is in his own person to wait upon every trustee, and leave with him in writing the day appointed for the election.

(9.) The

(9.) The salary settled upon the master for teaching eighteen boys is twenty pounds a year, free from all taxes, parish rates, and all expences for keeping his house in repair. The salary is punctually to be paid by four quarterly payments, at the four great quarters of the year, five pounds at each quarter-day. And every Lady-day quarter he is to be paid thirty shillings over and above his quarterly payments, to buy firewood for the school.

(10.) The salary settled upon the mistress for teaching fourteen girls is ten pounds a year, to be paid by quarterly payments as the master's above-mention'd, and at the Lady-day quarter, she is to receive thirty shillings over and above that quarterly payment, to buy firewood for the school.

(11.) If the master or the mistress shall be found taking in, or teaching in their respective schools, any other scholar or scholars, than such as are of the foundation, and put in by the trustees, then twenty shillings for every such scholar, shall be deducted from the salary of the master or mistress so offending; and if the same offence is afterwards committed again, such master or
mistress

mistress is forthwith to be removed, and another chosen in his or her stead.

(12.) If a master or a mistress shall be found to neglect the daily business of the school, or suffer the scholars to absent themselves from it. If any thing scandalous is sufficiently prov'd upon either of them, or if they be not of a perfectly sober, decent, and christian behaviour, and of good example to the children, the trustees are earnestly requested not to suffer the continuance of such a master or mistress. A more pious and virtuous education of the children, than that of a common school, being the one great end, chiefly intended by these Foundations. Which end must be frustrated, unless it be an unchangeable rule, constantly to discharge the master or the mistress as soon as they fall into any scandalous irregularity of life, and cease to give good example to the children.

(13.) The master, or the mistress, is not to be remov'd or discharg'd from their office, but by such a number of trustees, and such notice given to all of them, as is required in the choice of a new master.

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C H A P. IV.

Of several other Particulars essential to these Foundations.

(1.) **T**HE Rector of *King's-Cliffe* for the time being, is always to be a trustee. As soon as he is inducted into the living of *King's-Cliffe*, and enters upon his first residence, he has a right to claim an admission into the trust.

N. B. No other person of *King's-Cliffe* is ever to be a trustee, be he who he will, or of what degree soever, he is utterly incapable of being admitted, or chosen into any share of this trust.

(2.) The future trustees are to be constantly and for ever, chosen out of the neighbouring Gentry and Clergy, not more than four miles distance from *King's-Cliffe*.

(3) Every trustee has an equal right to put scholars into the school, but no trustee is to put in more than two, till every trustee has put in the same number.

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(4) The

(4.) The agent for the trustees is to keep a register bound book of the names of the children, their age, the time of their entrance and by what trustee they were put into the school. His business is, to receive the rents, make the weekly and other payments, provide every thing wanted in the schools, and observe the same method of cloathing the children as has been hitherto practis'd. At the general audit, the week after Easter, he is to lay his accounts before the trustees to be examin'd and pass'd by them.

(5.) The surplus of money at every audit, is either in part to be reserv'd for occasional demands, or the whole to be dispos'd of to such uses, as the trustees at their annual audit, shall please to appoint; only under this restriction, that such money cannot be dispos'd of any other way, but for the sole use and benefit of some, or other of the members of these two foundations.

(6.) All orders made by the trustees at their audit, are to be enter'd into a book by the agent in their presence, that at their next meeting, the observance of such orders may
be

be enquired into, and such alterations or additions be further made, as the trustees shall judge proper.

(7.) It is the joint request of Mrs. *Hutchefon* and Mr. *Law*, that as now, so hereafter, the agent for the trustees, be that relation of Mr. *Law's* who shall keep such a shop in this town, as is now in being.

But, *N. B.* No such tradesman, nor any other relation of Mr. *Law's*, that shall be an inhabitant of *King's-Cliffe*, hath hereby any claim to this office, nor is he any further recommended to it, than as he shall be found to be of honest character and well qualified for it, nor to be continued in it any longer than whilst his behaviour is well and fully approved of by the trustees.

C H A P. V.

Of the Election of the Widows, and ancient unmarried Women, &c.

(1.) **A**T the death or vacancy of a widow, no one woman is to be chosen into her place. But always four or three at the least of the *most antient widows* are to be put in nomination by the trustees, and the election of every individual widow, is always to be made by ballot out of such a number, in the presence of the trustees.

(2.) No widows are capable of being elected, but those of the town of *King's-Cliffe*, nor are any such capable of having a share in the ballot who have already received the *parish allowance* for their support.

(3.) The two houses at Mr. *Law's* school, are as free for *antient maidens*, as for *widows*, providing they have the proper qualifications.

(4.) No election of a widow, or ancient maiden is to be proceeded upon, till all the trustees have had notice of the vacancy, and the

the day appointed for filling it up. Nor is any election to be made, unless *three* of the trustees be present at it, to oversee the ballot.

(5.) None are to be look'd upon as qualify'd to be chosen, meerly because they are *old* and *poor*, but only such old and poor women, as are of good report for their *sobriety*, *industry* and *christian behaviour* in their several stations. The want of these virtuous qualifications is not to be dispens'd with. It being our whole desire and intention by these provisions to reward the virtue and merit of such ancient women, and prevent their falling to the straightness of a parish allowance in the time of their age and infirmities.

(6.) If therefore in any after times, any antient women of ill manners, of unchristian behaviour, who have had the character of idle, gossiping or sloathful persons, should be nominated or suffered to have a share in a ballot for any of these houses; such disregard of virtuous qualifications, would be as great a violation of the nature and design of these charities, as if young women, or persons of another parish were chosen into them.

(7.) No

(7.)-No antient widow or maiden that has more then forty shillings a year of her own is capable of being elected.

(8.) The names of the women that are admitted by the trustees, as qualify'd, are each of them to be written separately in a bit a paper, folded in the same form, and sealed up. They are to be put into a hat and shaken about, whilst one of the school boys puts in his hand, and takes one of them out; and that which is first taken out is the widow elected. And so again a second time, if a second widow is to be chosen.

N. B. This method is to be practis'd in the election of a master or mistress.

(9.) It is earnestly requested, that it be an indispenfible rule to have this 5th chapter concerning *qualifications*, audibly and distinctly read by the agent in the presence of the trustees before they proceed to the election of any widow, and that the master of the school be ordered to wait in the room during the time of the election. As also, that the 3d chapter of this book concerning the *election of a master or mistress*, be constanly read by the agent before

fore the election of either of them be proceeded upon. And that the candidates which are admitted by the trustees, as qualify'd, may be ordered to be present at the ballot.

(10.) All the antient widows, or maidens, are to have two shillings and sixpence paid them on every saturday throughout the year, and ten shillings to each of them every Lady-day to help them to firing.

(11.) If a master of the boys, having behaved well, is through age or infirmities become quite incapable of doing his duty in the school, he is to be put upon half pay, have a room allowed him in the school-house, and a new master is to be chosen in his stead.

(12.) If the same happens to be the case of the mistress, she is to be put into one of the houses belonging to that school, without a ballot. But if there be no vacancy, she is to have half pay till that happens, and any other farther provision, that the trustees shall judge her case to require. And a new mistress is to be chosen in her stead.

(13.) When

(13.) When it shall come to pass, that there shall be no relations of Mr. *Law's*, an inhabitant of *King's-Cliffe*, or properly qualify'd in the opinion of the trustees, to be agent, then some farmer or tradesmen of *King's-Cliffe*, having more than ten pounds a year real estate in *Cliffe*, is to be chosen agent by the trustees at a meeting appointed for that purpose, But such meeting is not to be deemed sufficient to form a board for that purpose, unless all the trustees have been first informed of it, and *three* of them at least be present at it.

(14.) No orders are to be made, or enter'd into the book of orders, as such, but those which are made by the trustees at their annual audit, and such are to be enter'd into the book of orders in the presence of the trustees by their agent.

(15.) All kinds of books, pens, ink and paper that are used in either school, are to be provided for them by the agent; and every boy and girl at their going out of the school, are to have a new Bible, and book of Commom-prayer distinct from it given to them.

(16.) All

(16.) All the girls are to be kept continually at some sort of work useful to them and their parents. But no spinning wheel is to be brought into the school, or used there either by the mistress or any one of the scholars.

(17.) No holydays are to allow'd in either school, but those of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. In harvest time they are allow'd to glean in the fields for their parents, after having said each of them one lesson early in the morning.

(18.) The master at his first entrance into the school in the morning is to pray with the children, and again at twelve o'clock, except on those days when they go to church. And again at their breaking up in the evening.

(19.) The mistress is to observe those hours and forms of prayer, and chanting of psalms, as has been practised from the beginning in that school.

(20.) All the scholars of each school are to be brought before the trustees at their Easter audit, in their new cloathes, to be inspected

and examined by them as they shall think proper.

(21.) The lending library in the school house, consisting of books of piety in English, are to be under the care of the school-master, who is to lend them out according to the rules there laid down, for which he is to be accountable to the trustees at their audit, or when they please.

The other small library consisting of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin Bibles, and a choice collection of the most spiritual Christian writers in the learned and foreign languages, is also to be under the care of the school-master, for the use and benefit of the neighbouring Clergy, to whom any of these books may be lent, but for no longer time than three months.—And the Rector of *King's-Cliffe* is desired to inspect the register'd account of the books lent out, every quarter of the year, that any matter to be complain'd of, may be laid before the trustees.

(22.) In

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(22.) In witness of all these presents, and for the confirmation thereof, we have hereto this sixth of May, in the year of our LORD, 1754, set to our names

Elizabeth Hutcheson.

William Law.



An APPENDIX.

Containing a Draught of a Deed of Appointment, to serve as a Precedent upon the Demise of any of the Trustees for the Charities aforementioned.

THIS indenture made the **D**
of in the year of our Lord
between A. B. C. D. E.
trustees of the two charitable foundations of
Mrs. *Hutcheson* and Mr. *W. Low* at *King's-Cliffe*,
on the one part, and F. on the other part,
witnesseth, that whereas the constitution of the
foresaid charities requireth, that the trustees
be always in number ^{seven} ~~four~~ and whereas G. a
late trustee is dead, therefore in compliance
with the aforesaid will and intention of the
founders, and for the better carrying on the
purposes of the said charities, and also for
and in consideration of five shillings of lawful
money of Great-Britain to each of them the
said A. B. C. D. E. and in hand well and truly
paid by the said F, the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged: They the said A. B. C.
D. E. have and each of them hath nominated,
constituted

constituted and appointed, and by these presents they and each of them do nominate, constitute and appoint the said F to be their associate in and for the government and management of the aforesaid charities in the place and stead of G. deceased, with all such powers and privileges, as they themselves by virtue of their trust are invested with. And the said F doth covenant, promise and agree to and with the said A. B. C. D. E. in manner and form following, that is to say. that he the said F. shall and will from time to time, as often as health, or other unforeseen accidents will permit, attend for the purpose of executing the several trusts of these foundations.

And the said A. B. C. D. E. for themselves and their heirs severally and respectively do covenant, grant and agree to and with the said F. and his heirs, that they the said A. B. C. D. E. shall and will at any time hereafter at the reasonable request of him the said F. by sufficient conveyances in the law assign, convey and surrender unto the said F and his heirs one undivided ^{seventh} ~~such~~ part of all the estates, which they the said A. B. C. D. E. hold in trust for the support and maintenance of the
foresaid

forefaid charities, and do every other act, matter or thing for the perfect affuring the faid ^{seventh.} ~~seventh~~ undivided ^{Part} ~~part~~ to the faid F and his heirs, according to the true intent and meaning of thefe charitable Foundations. In witnefs whereof the parties aforefaid have, &c.

N. B. Such an appointment as this will be fufficient for keeping the trust full.

But when it fhall happen, that there are no more than three of the trustees left, to whom the eftates have been legally convey'd, it is defired, that it may be an *indispensable rule*, that then the eftates be legally convey'd to the other trustees, who have been taken in only as affociates, and partners in the government and magement of the charities. And this is always and constantly to be done to prevent a Merger, otherwife it may come to pafs, that the legal eftates and the trust might be in different hands, which might be productive of many inconveniencies.

F I N I S,

